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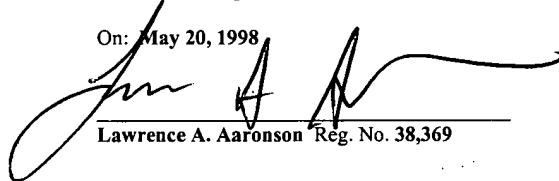
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**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT**

As this Information Disclosure Statement is part of a Petition to Make Special, a detailed explanation of the references as required by 37 CFR 1.111 is included herein (MPEP § 708.02(VIII)). Applicants hereby call the following reference to the attention of the Examiner:

(1) United States Patent No. 5,144,660, to Rose, issued on September 1, 1992.

Rose discloses a method of protecting a computer against undesired read/write operations by incorporating logic circuitry which is connected to a bus between a controller and the mass storage device.

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(2) Japanese Patent Publication No. 8-44630, published on February 16, 1996. JP 8-44630 discloses a system that is user specific and stores information about the user. Access is based in accordance with the user.

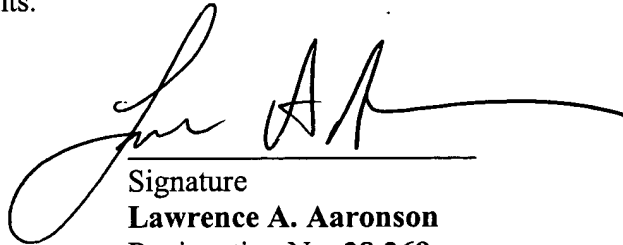
(3) DE 42 25 345 A1, published February 2, 1994. DE 42 25 345 discloses a process to restrict certain types of memory access to authorized service programs.

(4) WO 93/09498, published May 13, 1993. WO 93/09498 teaches a method of protection based on defining currently active programs and their associated files. Access attempts to stored material not part of the currently defined program are treated with a great deal of suspicion.

(5) FR 2 629 231, published September 29, 1989. FR 2 629 231 teaches physically locking the boot area of the hard disk and other regions of the operating system.

Copies of each of the references listed on the attached Form PTO-1449 are enclosed herewith. The Examiner is requested to indicate consideration of the references by initialing the appropriate spaces on the attached Form PTO-1449 and returning a copy of the same with the next official communication to the Applicants.

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